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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), an extension of time of three (3) months in the amount of \$930.00 is hereby requested to Request for Continued Examination. A Final Office Action was mailed on August 1, 2002, a reply to which was due on November 1, 2002. The due date with the extension is now February 1, 2003.

The Applicant has paid for a two (2) month extension of time in the amount of \$400.00 in Response to the Final Office Action mailed December 18, 2002. The requisite fee of \$530.00, being the difference owed, for a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is

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enclosed by check. Also credit or debit our Deposit Account No. 08-2461 for any under or over payments, respectively for such sum.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jamie M. Larman", is written over a horizontal line.

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